

AMUSEMENTS.

OTIS SKINNER.

The welcome accorded Mr. Skinner and his company at the Academy of Music yesterday, matinee and night, was such as to pronounce him beyond question a popular favorite with our theatre-goers. Last night the capacity of the Academy was taxed to the utmost. Henry Arthur Jones' comedy, "The Liars," was presented on both occasions in the same finished style that has characterized all of Mr. Skinner's productions for several years. It is not a play with a single character, but the strong supporting company, including Miss Comstock, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Eberle, Miss Neal, Miss Everett and Miss Strickland, are each given an opportunity for exceedingly clever work, of which they availed themselves to the entire satisfaction of the audience.

Mr. Skinner's annual visit is always looked forward to as one of the principle dramatic events of the season, and his increasing popularity each year demonstrates the fact that he does not deal in disappointments.

OLYMPIA OPERA COMPANY.

The Olympia Opera Company, which opens a week's engagement at the Academy of Music next Monday night, present the most attractive repertoire ever seen in this city. The principal members of the company are well-known operatic artists who have pleased the music-loving public for years. Miss Fannie Myers, Miss Eleanor Jenkins, Miss Lottie Kendall and Miss Eva Brith are singers of ability and experience. Mr. Ed. Weston, Mr. George Olmi, Mr. Sylvian Langlois, and the comedians, Mr. Dan Young and Mr. Tommy Whyte complete a cast for any opera either grand or comic. The repertoire for the week contains many of the best and most operatic successes, several of which have never before been presented here. The prices, in view of the fact that the company is here for a week, have been reduced to 25c., 35c., and 50c.

THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Most Eminent Grand Commander of Virginia, Knights Templar, held its seventy-seventh annual convocation at Richmond Thursday, and, besides the election of officers to serve during the ensuing twelve months, transacted considerable business of interest to the order.

Grand Commander Philip Trasher Woodfin retired from his exalted office, and Very Eminent Benjamin Franklin Buchanan was made Grand Commander. Eminent James Edward Alexander was made Deputy Grand Commander. Eminent Louis Philip Ecker, having moved out of the State, resigned the office of Grand Captain-General, and Eminent John Edward Townes was advanced two points to Grand Generalissimo. Eminent James Thomas Le Sueur was made Grand Captain-General. Eminent George Wilson Poe was re-elected Grand Treasurer, and Right Eminent James Braxton Blanks was re-elected Grand Recorder, while Eminent Rev. F. T. McFadden continues as Grand Prelate. Eminent James Wilson Bryant was made Grand Senior Warden. Eminent Thomas E. Schwartz was advanced to Grand Junior Warden. Eminent F. W. Cunningham was appointed Grand Standard-Bearer. Eminent James O'Keefe was made Grand Sword-Bearer. Eminent Henry Marshall Boykin was selected as Grand Warder, and Sir William C. Wilkinson was reappointed Grand Captain of Guard.

The two new officers appointed were Eminent James O'Keefe and H. M. Boykin. Both are now in line for the position of Grand Commander.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Washington teacher in shorthand is rapidly improving from his recent illness and expects to meet his class again Monday night.

Company B, of the Boys' Gospel Army, enjoyed a pleasant social yesterday afternoon.

A very interesting meeting of the Board of Directors was held last evening.

Twenty-two young men were present in the bookkeeping class last night. The gymnasium reading room and game room are crowded daily.

Boys' Bible class this morning at 9 o'clock, taught by Messrs. Wood and Page, respectively.

Boys' Gymnasium class at 10 a. m. and business men's class at 6:15.

Meeting of Boys' Gospel Army tomorrow at 2:30.

Rev. A. S. Lloyd will deliver his third address at 4 p. m. to-morrow. Subject "The Kind of Men Whose Co-operation Messiah Will Accept." Special musical program. All men cordially invited.

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Major Bancroft, who has been in the city for several days in the interests of the T. P. A. of America, was suddenly called to his home at Chase City, Va., last night on account of illness in his family.

A colored boy discovered the body of a newly-born infant early yesterday morning in a marsh in the rear of Pulaski street extended. Dr. E. P. Odendahl, City Coroner, viewed the body at the Morgue and decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

A LUNAR RAIN DOG.

CURIOUS PHENOMENON SEEN LAST NIGHT FORETELLING WEATHER CHANGES.

An arc lunar bow of secondary refraction was noted last night as the moon had reached a point about 23 degrees above the horizon. The arc was to the south of the moon and the circle, of which it was a fragment, cut the moon's circumference latitudinally. The rapidly shifting strata of cloud formation gave the effect of pulsation, the bow brightening and dimming alternately. Clouds were of cirrus stratus and cirrus cumulus formation (mackerel) apparently in strongly differing degrees of altitude and moving in diagonally different directions; lower strata moving to northwest, upper strata to south. The bow's curve was concave to the zenith. This formation is sometimes called a "rain-dog" and indicates close approach of storm and violent change of temperature, and is caused by the fine particles of moisture composing two distinct cloud-strata, crystallizing and the crystals turning at an angle of refraction rather than of transference, thus giving through their edges the effect of a prism. The form shown thus is secondary, it being a refracted reflection of a true lunar halo, cast by the upper strata of cloud on the lower and consequently of greatly increased size and different angle to the observer from the halo, its parent.

HOME FROM CUBA.

ARRIVAL OF VETERAN OF FOUR WARS.

Thomas A. Wood, a veteran of three Indian wars, and the Spanish-American war, arrived home from Cuba yesterday. He left here with the Fourth Virginia Regiment in the spring of 1898, as a private in the Suffolk Company, but did not return with the regiment last summer, choosing to accept his discharge in Cuba, an option given all the soldiers.

Though Mr. Wood left here as a private soldier he soon got to be brigade orderly for General H. C. Hasbrouck, commanding the brigade, to which the Fourth Virginia Regiment was attached. As such he made quite a reputation for himself, and now holds flattering recommendations from General Hasbrouck, General Humphries and a half dozen other officers, including Major Alex. Higgins, who was quartermaster of the brigade. When mustered out in Cuba Mr. Wood was made courier and special messenger of General C. F. Humphries, the chief quartermaster, division of Cuba, with headquarters in the palace at Havana. He held this position until last week, when he decided to come home. Mr. Wood fought in the Modoc, Bannocks and other Indian wars, and has also served in Alaska in Uncle Sam's army. He thinks Cuba will prosper only when it becomes in reality a part of the United States.

BRAMBLETON WARD.

The regular business meeting of the Anna Gordon Y was held at the residence of Miss Evie A. Jonakin, No. 823 Tenthall avenue, last night, with a full membership present. Superintendents for the various departments were elected as follows:

Flower Mission—Miss Cora Lee Jonakin; assistant, Robert Lee Ballner. Parlor Meetings—Miss Ida Moser; assistant, J. L. Joyner.

Literature—Miss Nora Mahone. Plans for carrying on temperance work were discussed. Sister organizations were well represented. The next meeting will be held at the above residence Friday at 8 p. m.

BRIEF MENTION.

A pie party will be given at the residence of Mrs. E. E. Berry, No. 217 East Brambleton avenue, next Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The regular meeting of the Busy Bees of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church was held at the residence of Miss Virginia Chapman, No. 221 North Reservoir avenue last night.

The Highland Social Club held a very important meeting at its rooms last night, elected officers and admitted four new members.

Those who happened to pass the corner of Highland and Kelly avenues last night between 10 and 11 o'clock were treated to several selections on the graphophone.

Little Miss Myrtle Chapman is very sick at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chapman, on North Reservoir avenue.

ATLANTIC CITY WARD.

There was a pleasant surprise party given in honor of Miss Lizzie Hogwood at her residence, on Port street, last night, from 8 to 11 o'clock. The following young people were present: Misses Eunice White, Bessie Russell, Anthony Scott, Goldie Blitz, Pansy Coffee, Westley Montague, Nettie Godfrey, Lella Betty, Bessie Hogwood and Agnes Miller. A delightful supper was served.

Mr. J. W. Lindsey, who has been visiting Mr. G. L. Engle, on Front street, will leave for her home, in Gloucester county, to-day.

The remains of Mr. C. H. Hostetter will be sent to Lancaster, Pa., to-day.

DEEP CREEK.

Deep Creek, Va., Nov. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis, of Benefit, were the guests of Mrs. James E. Casteen Wednesday.

Miss Mary Hughes is the guest of Mrs. G. W. Culpepper.

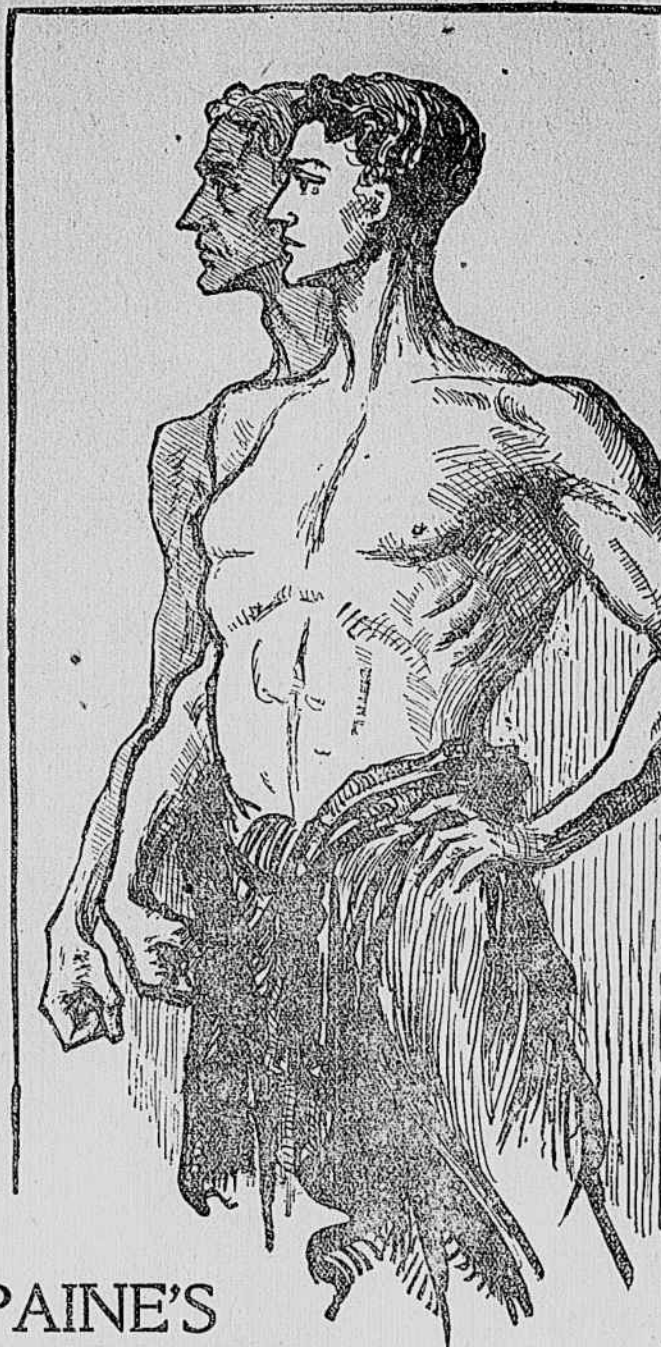
A party of men is clearing and leveling the canal banks. When the work is finished it will be quite an improvement, as well as a convenience.

Several gentlemen from Portsmouth, accompanied by Mr. Casteen, have gone on a bear hunt and expect to spend the remainder of the week in search of Mr. Bruin.

Regular services will be held Sunday evening at the Baptist Church by the pastor, Mr. Riddick.

Inspection of Vessels.

Surgeon W. J. Pettus, of the U. S. Marine Hospital Corps, has notified the Pilots' Association that the inspection of vessels from infected ports via ports north of southern boundary of Maryland and entering Hampton Roads, has been discontinued for this season or until further notice. This closes the Cape Charles Quarantine Station for his year, unless some extraordinary event in the nature of an epidemic occurs of infectious disease not influenced by climatic considerations.



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A Father's Terrible Deed.

(By Telegram to Virginian-Pilot.) Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17.—Cornelius Corcoran to-day shot and killed three of his children and fatally wounded the fourth child. Corcoran then killed himself.

A few days ago Corcoran administered laudanum to his five children, the oldest of whom was 14 years of age. He claimed the poison was given them by mistake and was not molested by the authorities. Last night one of the children, Cornelius, Jr., 5 years old, died. The others were convalescent.

To-day Corcoran purchased a revolver and tried to finish the work of annihilation by shooting the children and himself through the head.

Words of Famous Mission Worker.

Mr. John F. Barclay, a well known Atlanta man, suffered from dyspepsia. He says: Atlanta, Ga., January 23.—Dr. Chas. O. Tyner: Having used Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy for years in my family I gladly add to what has already been said in its praise. Without exception it is the finest remedy on the market, and nothing would induce me to be without it. JNO. F. BARCLAY. 50c. a bottle, at all druggists, or sent for price, express paid, by Tyner Dyspepsia Remedy Co., 45 Mitchell street, Atlanta, Ga. Send Five Cents in stamps, to pay postage, for Sample, Free.

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Men's Worsteds Suits, Manufacturer's price \$14.00, our price	\$7.15	Children's Suits, beautiful styles. Manufacturer's price \$3.00, our price	\$1.62
Men's Overcoats, blue and black. Manufacturer's price \$1.00, our price	\$1.98	Children's Suits, all wool, sizes up to 16 years. Manufacturer's price \$4.00, our price	\$1.98
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